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RE: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Numbers: **19-09170-F**

Dear Mr. Craven:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated June 30, 2019, in which you requested:

- Emails between top officials at the VA's Office of Tribal Government Relations, including Stephanie Birdwell, Peter Vicaire and government relations specialists including Peter Vicaire and private officials at the National Congress of American Indians (staffers to include Jefferson Keel), the Federal Bar Association (staffers to include Carol Wild Scott) between Jan 21, 2017 and present day.

The FOIA Service received your request on July 1, 2019, and assigned it FOIA tracking number **19-09170-F**. Please refer to this number when communicating with the VA about this request.

The records you requested, if they exist, are maintained at the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public & Intergovernmental Affairs (OP&IA). Therefore, we are redirecting your request to this office for a file search and a direct response to you. If you wish to know the status of your request, please contact them directly at the following address:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Attention: Anita Major  
OP&IA, (002) VACO  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
Phone: (202) 461-7430; Fax: (202) 495-5228

Questions regarding the status of your request, contact Ms. Major.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any further questions concerning this letter, please contact Ms. Jacqueline Short of my staff at (202) 632-7426.

Sincerely,

Ms. Doloras Johnson  
Director, VACO FOIA Service  
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